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In re application: Chefalas et al.

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For: Method and Apparatus for  
Performing the Identification of Files  
to be Backed Up Using Relational  
Meta Data

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In response to the Final Office Action dated November 16, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Listing of the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.